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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BUI ET AL.

Examiner

Barbara N Burgess

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Townsend et al. (hereinafter "Townsend", 5,974,562).

As per claims 1, 9, 17, Townsend discloses a method of synchronizing device addresses between two networks within a data processing system, the method comprising:

- Assigning a plurality of first unique addresses to each of a plurality of devices for a first network (column 2, lines 46-48, 60-62, column 4, lines 5-8, 29-30, 32-35, column 5, lines 4-10, 36-37, 44-46);
- Determining a plurality of second unique addresses for each of the plurality of devices for a second network (column 2, lines 46-48, 60-62, column 4, lines 5-9, column 5, lines 4-10, 14-16, 36-37, 44-45, 47-51). ; and
- Responsive to a determination that one of the plurality of first unique addresses is not identical to a corresponding one of the plurality of second unique

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addresses, reassigning a new unique address for the corresponding one of the plurality of devices such that the new unique address is identical to the corresponding one of the plurality of: second unique addresses (column 2, lines 25-30, 51-60, 65-67, column 5, lines 23-32, 56-67, column 6, lines 1-10).

As per claims 2, 10, and 18, Townsend discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein the device is an input/output drawer (column 1, lines 12-25, column 3, lines 40-67).

As per claims 3, 11, and 19, Townsend discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein the device is expansion tower (column 1, lines 12-25, column 3, lines 40-67).

As per claims 4, 12, and 20, Townsend further discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first unique address corresponds to an SPCN system address (column 2, lines 18-20, column 4, lines 3-35, 58-67).

As per claims 5, 13, and 21, Townsend further discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein the second unique address corresponds to an RIO system address (column 2, lines 18-20, column 4, lines 3-35, 58-67).

As per claims 6, 14, and 22, Townsend discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein the device is a CD-ROM drive (column 1, lines 12-25, column 3, lines 40-67).

As per claims 7, 15, and 23, Townsend discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein the device is a DVD ROM drive (column 1, lines 12-25, column 3, lines 40-67).

As per claims 8, 16, and 24, Townsend discloses the method as recited in claim 1, wherein the device is a hard drive (column 1, lines 12-25, column 3, lines 40-67).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

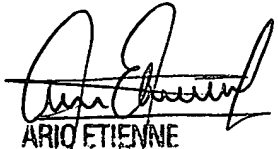
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara N Burgess whose telephone number is (703) 305-3366. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00am-4:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (703) 308-7562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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